

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 23 of the specification as follows:

Figure 6 is a light photomicrograph (in black & white) showing a filament (10) with the construction shown in Figure 1 wherein the outer filament (1) is made of solid PLGA and the porous inner filament (2) is made of crosslinked hyaluronic acid (HAX). Figure 6 also shows a filament (11) made of PLGA containing no HAX. Both filaments were placed on a drop of water (12) colored red with food color dye. The PLGA only fiber (11) floated on the top of the water and did not wick any water into the lumen of the fiber, whereas the HAX-containing PLGA fiber (10) rapidly wicked the water into the lumen, giving the fiber a red color.